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The Department of Extension of the University of Texas was established for the purpose of rendering service to the people of the State generally, and especially to those who are unable to attend the University. The work of this department is carried on under the following five divisions:

### *Public Discussion Division.*

This division has immediate charge of "The University Interscholastic League." This is an organization of all the schools of Texas for the purpose of promoting contests in debate, declamation, and athletics. The University is desirous of aiding the schools in the matter of training for citizenship; and also to aid teachers in developing, controlling, and standardizing athletic activities in the schools.

This division is also engaged in the preparation of reference lists and material on various subjects of general interest, and the collection of small traveling libraries for loaning to citizens of Texas upon application. Books and pamphlets thus loaned may be kept not longer than two weeks. The person to whom material is loaned pays the carriage (postage or express) both ways. University bulletins need not be returned unless specially requested. Reference lists, together with more or less material in the way of books, pamphlets, or bulletins, are now ready on the following subjects: Banking and Currency Reform; Commission Form of City Government; Compulsory Education; Education (selected addresses on); Educational Improvement and Social Reform; Initiative and Referendum; Literary Societies (model constitution, principles of debating, and rules of procedure); Municipal Ownership of Public Utilities; Old Age Insurance; Penitentiary Reform; Prohibition and the Liquor Problem; Tariff and Free Raw Materials; Texas' Need of the Services of Higher Education; and Woman Suffrage.

Clippings and miscellaneous material have also been collected on various other subjects. Correspondence is invited.

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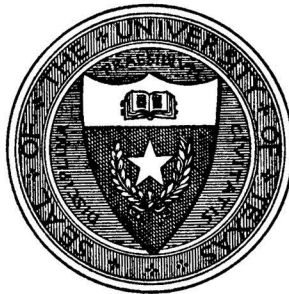
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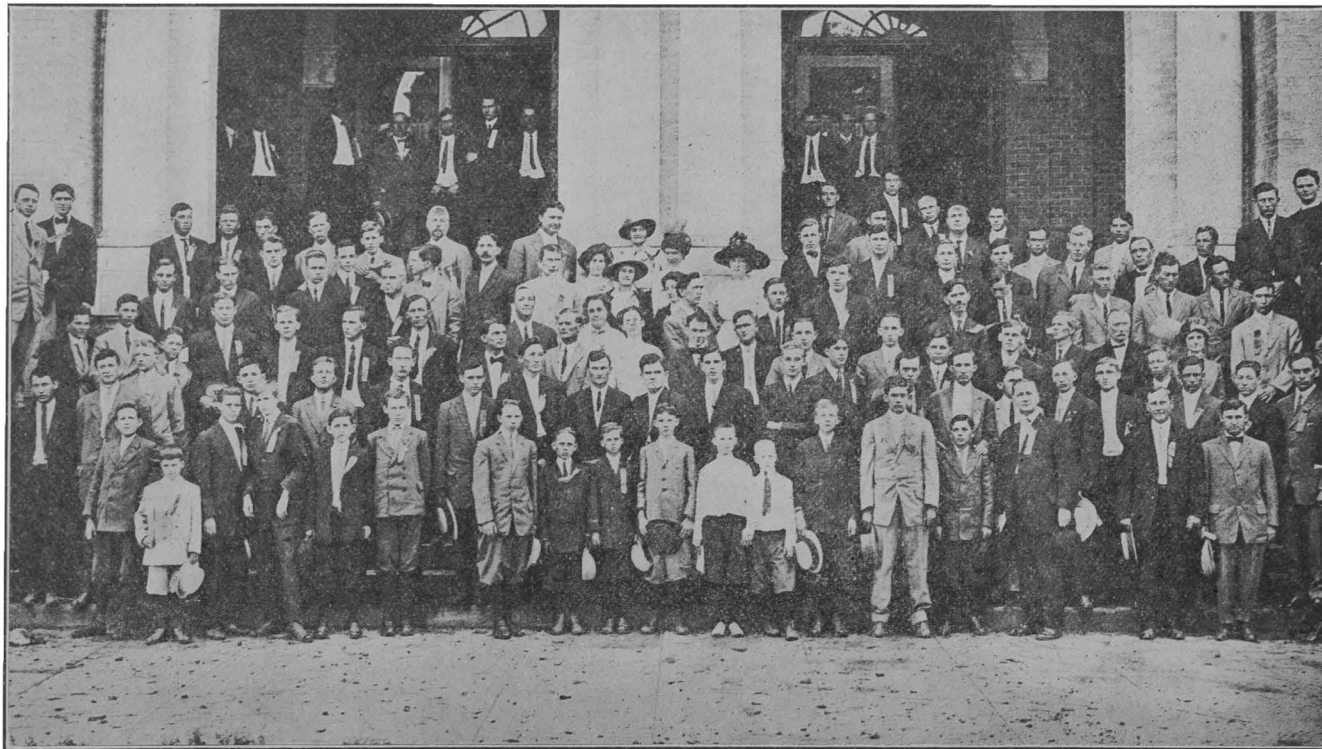




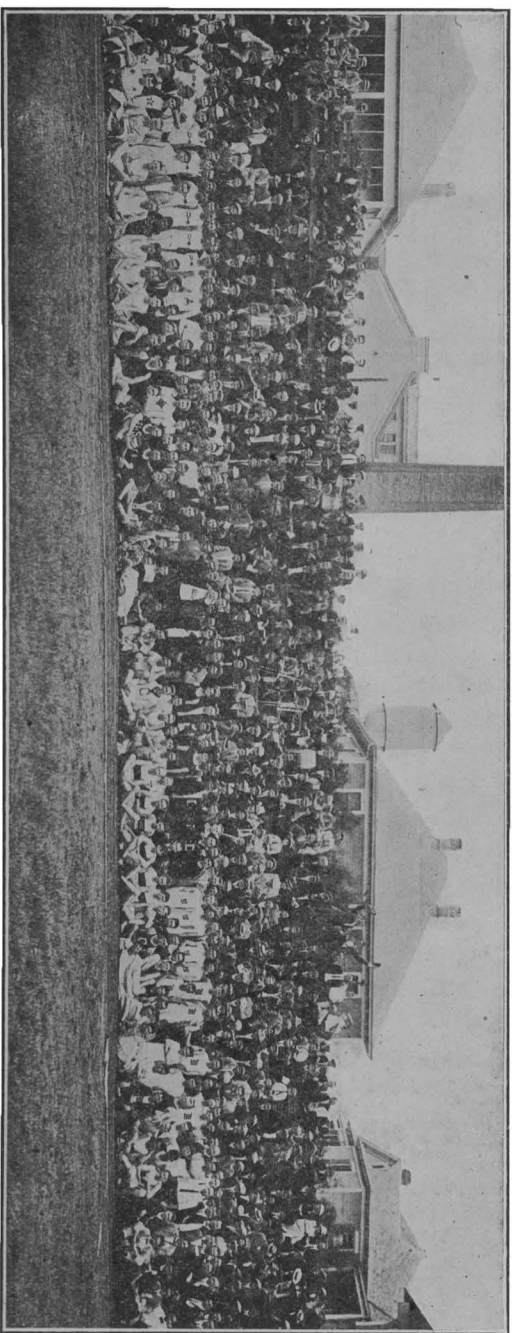
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Delegates to the third annual meet of the Debating and Declamation League, at the University of Texas, May 3, 1913



Delegates to the third annual meet of the University Interscholastic Athletic Association, May 3, 1913





## INTRODUCTION.

This bulletin contains the constitution and rules of the University Interscholastic League, including the State Debating and Declamation League and the University Interscholastic Athletic Association.

The University Department of Extension is desirous of promoting in the schools of Texas the study and practice of public speaking and debate as an aid in the preparation for citizenship; and also of assisting the schools in the matter of physical education through the organization, control, and standardization of athletics. With the latter object particularly in view, a Director of Interscholastic Athletics has been added to the Public Discussion Division of the Extension Department. Dr. C. W. Ramsdell, who has so ably managed the Interscholastic Athletic Association during the past three years, found it impossible longer to give sufficient time to the organization, and it seemed desirable, for the sake of economy, both of money and of effort, that the two organizations above-named should be united under a single management.

The rules herein were drawn up by the Executive Committee in pursuance of the general authority contained in a resolution which was adopted at a joint meeting of the State Debating and Declamation League and the University Interscholastic Athletic Association, held at the University on May 3, 1913. The committee decided not to make any radical changes in the former rules in advance of presentation to the next annual meeting of the League. The principal changes to be noted are as follows:

- (1) The management of all contests,—county, district, and state,—is in each case vested in an Executive Committee consisting of a director-general as chairman, a director of debate and declamation, and a director of athletics.

- (2) County and district contests in athletics are added to those in debate and declamation. In the athletic events a new division is added, to be known as the "Junior" Class, open only to schools having not more than nine grades.

(3) The line of demarcation between the Junior and Senior contests in declamation is the ninth and tenth grades, respectively. The distinction is now based on grades, and not on the number of grades a school may have. Only students in the ninth grade and below—including the ward schools of a city—are eligible for the Junior declamation contest; and only students in the tenth grade and above are eligible for the Senior declamation contest.

(4) Declamations are not prescribed, except as to their general character [See Rule 2, page 00]—save only that in the Wichita Falls district the Senior declamation contest, for which \$100.00 in prizes is offered, must be in the field of “Industrial Peace”.

County and city superintendents, principals and teachers should bear in mind that the main thing is, to *get a good live county organization*. For fostering school and community spirit and for helping the teachers in participating schools, there is nothing finer than an annual County Meet of schools for friendly rivalry. Work primarily on your *county* contests; those of the district and the finals will take care of themselves.

Whenever possible, the University will send a representative to assist in conducting county and district contests. To this end, let the Executive Committees of three or four adjoining counties arrange a schedule of county contests extending through a given week (not later than the third week in March), so that a visitor may cover all the contests in a single trip. Likewise, two or three adjoining districts may mutually arrange for final contests on different days during a given week (not later than the second week in April). Time and expense will of course limit the number of contests which University representatives can attend, but the State Executive Committee will be glad to correspond with county and district directors regarding the matter and to render every possible assistance. Whenever schools are in a position to pay traveling expenses, a representative from the University can almost always be sent.

Inquiries regarding the debating and declamation contests should be addressed to E. D. Shurter, Chairman; and inquiries pertaining to the athletic contests, to A. J. Robinson, Director, University, Austin.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF THE UNIVERSITY  
INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE.

ARTICLE I.

*Name.*

This organization shall be known as The University Interscholastic League.

ARTICLE II.

*Object.*

The object of this League is to foster in the schools of Texas the study and practice of public speaking and debate as an aid in the preparation for citizenship; to assist in organizing, standardizing, and controlling athletics in the schools of the State; and to promote county, district, and State interscholastic contests in debate, declamation, and athletics.

ARTICLE III.

*Membership.*

SECTION 1. Any public or private school in Texas that is below collegiate rank, or that does not confer a degree and is not ranked as a college by the University of Texas authorities (preparatory departments of colleges and schools of oratory being excluded), may become a member of this League by the payment of the annual membership fee of \$1.00 to E. D. Shurter, Chairman, University, Austin, Texas. [When sending the fee, name the county and district in which the school is situated.]

SEC. 2. The \$1.00 membership fee must be paid by every school in order to entitle it to enter the county, district, or final contests in either debate, declamation, or athletics. The single payment of a membership fee, however, shall entitle all the pupils of any school (excepting any special class hereinafter mentioned) to enter any one or all of said contests, including those of the county, district, and finals. This membership fee shall be the only charge for admission to the contests except such entry fees as may be required in the athletic events.

SEC. 3. Any school that enters any of the contests of this League without having paid its membership fee shall be disqualified for further contests for that year, unless a satisfactory excuse for such failure is presented to the State Executive Committee. The State Executive Committee shall certify to each county director the schools in each county that have qualified for membership, and likewise on demand said committee shall certify to a district director the League members in his district.

#### ARTICLE IV.

##### *Officers.*

SECTION 1. The officers of the League shall consist of a State Executive Committee, and an executive committee for each district and for each county.

SECTION 2. The State Executive Committee shall consist of the Head of the Public Discussion Division of the University as Chairman, the University Director of Physical Training, and the Director of Interscholastic Athletics. It shall be the duty of this Executive Committee to have general charge of the affairs of the League; to prepare and distribute bulletins and other literature pertaining to its work; to co-operate with county and district officers; and to settle all disputes that may arise in county, district, and final contests, except in regard to the selection of judges.

SECTION 3. Each district of this organization as hereinafter designated shall be under the general charge of a District Executive Committee to be appointed by the State Executive Committee and consisting of a Director-General as Chairman, a Director of Debate and Declamation, and a Director of Athletics. It shall be the duty of such district committee to have immediate charge of the district contests in a given district; to organize and promote county contests; and to arrange for a final district contest not later than the second week in April.

SECTION 4. The contests in each county shall be under the immediate charge of a County Executive Committee to be elected annually during the county teachers' institute, or in the event of failure so to elect, the County Executive Committee shall be appointed by the State Executive Committee. Such County Ex-



ecutive Committee shall consist of a Director-General as Chairman, a Director of Debate and Declamation, and a Director of Athletics. It shall be the duty of such county executive committee to have immediate charge of county contests in debate, declamation, and athletics; to canvass schools for entries in such contests; to see that membership fees are paid before admission to such contests is allowed; to co-operate with the county superintendent in effecting and promoting a county organization; to see that the University Interscholastic League is listed on the Institute program and that an hour is set aside for discussion of the work and the election of officers; to correspond with the State Chairman with regard to the interests of the work in the counties; to co-operate with adjoining counties in arranging a series of county contests that will permit representatives from the University to visit such contests; and in general to work toward making the county contests worth while in and by themselves, regardless of the district and final contests.

## ARTICLE V.

### *Contests.*

This League shall hold annually county, district, and State contests in debate, declamation, and athletics, pursuant to the rules subsequently set forth. Schools that have qualified for membership [Art. III] shall be eligible to any or all of the contests, subject to the limitations as specified under the rules of each contest. All contests shall begin with the county as the basis of representation. County contests shall be held some time between the first day of March and the third Saturday in March, at such place or places as the county executive committee may determine. District contests shall be held some time between the first day of April and the second Saturday in April. Unless otherwise arranged, the final district contests shall be held at the city in each district which is designated [Art VI] as the center thereof. The several executive committees may arrange for sub-county and sub-district contests, when desired; *but in no case shall the final county or district contests be held earlier or later than the foregoing date-limits.*

## ARTICLE VI.

*Districts and District Directors.*

For the purpose of district contests among the county winners, the State shall be divided into the following sixteen districts, designated by the following cities as centers. The directors of and the counties composing each district are as follows:—

1. **CHILDRRESS.** Superintendent W. H. Woodley, Childress, Director-General; Superintendent C. L. Sone, Paducah, Director of Debate and Declamation; Professor J. L. Naylor, Quanah, Director of Athletics. *Counties:* Dallam, Sherman, Hansford, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hartley, Moore, Hutchinson, Roberts, Hemphill, Oldham, Potter, Carson, Gray, Wheeler, Deaf Smith, Randall, Armstrong, Donley, Collingsworth, Parmer, Castro, Swisher, Briscoe, Hall, Childress, Bailey, Lamb, Hale, Floyd, Motley, Cottle, Hardeman.

2. **WICHITA FALLS.** Professor E. L. Vance, Wichita Falls, Director-General; Superintendent Otto Hufstetler, Iowa Park, Director of Debate and Declamation; Professor J. L. Brant, Wichita Falls, Director of Athletics. *Counties:* Wilbarger, Wichita, Clay, Montague, King, Knox, Baylor, Archer, Throckmorton, Young, Jack, Wise.

3. **HONEY GROVE.** Principal L. F. Connell, Honey Grove, Director-General; Superintendent I. W. Evans, Bonham, Director of Debate and Declamation; Principal E. C. McDonald, Gainesville, Director of Athletics. *Counties:* Cook, Grayson, Fannin, Lamar, Red River.

4. **SWEETWATER.** Superintendent M. B. Johnson, Sweetwater, Director-General; Superintendent E. A. Watson, Snyder, Director of Debate and Declamation; Principal R. A. Smith, Abilene, Director of Athletics. *Counties:* Cochran, Hockley, Lubbock, Crosby, Dickens, Yoakum, Terry, Lynn, Garza, Kent, Stonewall, Haskell, Gaines, Dawson, Borden, Scurry, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Stephens, Andrews, Martin, Howard, Mitchell, Nolan, Taylor, Callahan, Ector, Midland, Glasscock, Sterling, Coke.

5. **FORT WORTH.** Principal R. L. Paschal, Fort Worth, Director-General; Superintendent J. H. Kookan, Arlington, Director of Debate and Declamation; Principal Joseph Morgan, Dallas,

**Director of Athletics.** *Counties:* Denton, Palo Pinto, Parker, Tarrant, Dallas, Hood, Johnson, Ellis.

6. **GREENVILLE.** Superintendent L. C. Gee, Greenville, Director-General; Superintendent A. M. Blackman, Plano, Director of Debate and Declamation; Professor B. E. Masters, Greenville, Director of Athletics. *Counties:* Collin, Hunt, Delta, Hopkins, Franklin, Titus, Camp, Rockwall, Rains, Wood, Kaufman, Van Zandt.

7. **MARSHALL.** Principal J. S. Bullington, Marshall, Director-General; Superintendent Grover Hartt, Timpson, Director of Debate and Declamation; Superintendent I. A. Coston, Gilmer, Director of Athletics. *Counties:* Bowie, Morris, Cass, Marion, Upshur, Gregg, Harrison, Rusk, Panola, Shelby, San Augustine, Sabine.

8. **EL PASO.** Professor A. H. Hughey, El Paso, Director-General. (Other officers to be appointed by the Director-General.) *Counties:* El Paso, Loving, Winkler, Reeves, Ward, Jeff Davis, Pecos, Presidio Brewster Terrell.

9. **BROWNWOOD.** Superintendent T. H. Hart, Brownwood, Director-General; Superintendent G. W. McDonald, Coleman, Director of Debate and Declamation; Principal H. O. Jones, San Angelo, Director of Athletics. *Counties:* Eastland, Erath, Runnels, Coleman, Brown, Comanche, Hamilton, Mills, Crane, Upton, Reagan, Irion, Tom Green, Concho, McCulloch, San Saba, Lampasas, Crockett, Schleicher, Menard, Mason, Sutton, Kimble.

10. **MART.** Superintendent W. E. Patty, Mart, Director-General; Professor J. R. Barton, Waco, Director of Debate and Declamation; Principal M. L. Caldwell, Marlin, Director of Athletics. *Counties:* Bosque, Hill, Navarro, Coryell, McLennan, Limestone, Falls.

11. **JACKSONVILLE.** Superintendent B. J. Albritton, Jacksonville, Director-General; Principal S. E. Gideon, Tyler, Director of Debate and Declamation; Principal E. M. Armstrong, Lufkin, Director of Athletics. *Counties:* Henderson, Smith, Freestone, Anderson, Cherokee, Nacogdoches, Leon, Houston, Trinity, Angelina.

12. **AUSTIN.** Professor A. J. Robinson, Austin, Director-General; Principal Thomas E. Lee, Georgetown, Director of

Debate and Declamation; Professor L. F. McKay, Temple, Director of Athletics. *Counties:* Bell, Milam, Robertson, Llano, Burnet, Williamson, Lee, Burleson, Brazos, Washington, Gillespie, Blanco, Travis [Note.—Schools in Austin may not enter the contests in debate and declamation, but are eligible for the athletic contests. Since local judges are desirable for the Austin District contest, and are practically unavoidable for the final State contest, the Executive Committee have deemed it advisable to make the exception noted.], Bastrop, Hays, Caldwell, Fayette, Austin, Colorado.

13. NAVASOTA. Superintendent J. Thomas Davis, Navasota, Director-General; Superintendent W. S. Barron, Anderson, Director of Debate and Declamation; Superintendent J. M. Patton, Richmond, Director of Athletics. *Counties:* Madison, Walker, San Jacinto, Polk, Grimes, Montgomery, Liberty, Waller, Harris, Chambers, Fort Bend, Brazoria, Galveston, Wharton, Jackson Matagorda.

14. BEAUMONT. Principal J. G. Fuqua, Beaumont, Director-General; Superintendent J. L. Binkley, Orange, Director of Debate and Declamation; Principal L. B. Gough, Beaumont, Director of Athletics. *Counties:* Tyler, Jasper, Newton, Hardin, Orange, Jefferson.

15. SAN ANTONIO. Principal W. D. Williams, San Antonio, Director-General; Superintendent W. B. Toone, Floresville, Director of Debate and Declamation; Principal W. J. Moyes, San Antonio, Director of Athletics. *Counties:* Val Verde, Edwards, Kerr, Bandera, Kendall, Comal, Guadalupe, Gonzales, Lavaca, Kinney, Uvalde, Medina, Bexar, Wilson, Karnes, DeWitt, Maverick, Zavala, Frio, Atascosa, Dimmit, LaSalle.

16. SINTON. Superintendent J. H. Gregory, Sinton, Director-General; Superintendent W. H. Herrington, Robstown, Director of Debate and Declamation; Principal H. L. Rockwood, Corpus Christi, Director of Athletics. *Counties:* McMullen, Live Oak, Bee, Goliad, Victoria, Refugio, Calhoun, San Patricio, Aransas, Webb, Duval, Nueces, Zapata, Starr, Hidalgo, Cameron.

## ARTICLE VII.

### *Expenses and Rebates.*

SECTION 1. In the county and district contests, the prizes offered and the traveling expenses of contestants and of judges



shall be borne as the respective directors may determine. Admission charges to local, county, and district contests may be made, when deemed advisable.

SECTION 2. At the final contests at the University the visiting contestants shall bear their own expenses in the first instance. The State Executive Committee, however, shall devote the amount received in membership and entry fees, together with any other available funds, after defraying necessary expenses, to the payment of rebates of railroad fares to Austin and return at the reduced rates offered each year. Such rebates shall be based on the round-trip railroad fares only, and shall not include sleeper, meals, or other expenses. The rebates shall be payable to the principal of each school which is represented by actual participants in the preliminary and final contests in either debate, declamation, or athletics, and including one teacher from each participating school. The State Executive Committee may in its discretion limit, by due notice, the number of delegates from distant points that will be entitled to such rebates.

## ARTICLE VIII.

### *Reports and Press Notices.*

County and District Directors shall promptly report to the Chairman, at Austin, the winners in the county and district contests, and shall also furnish reports of these contests to the local press; and the principals of the winning schools in the district contests shall promptly send to the Executive Committee photographs and brief sketches of the winning speakers and athletes, for use in the local and State press.

## ARTICLE IX.

### *Disputes.*

All disputes among members of the League shall be settled by the appropriate executive committee. A county or district executive committee may, if desired, submit a case in dispute to the State Executive Committee for adjudication. Others who feel that they have a just cause for complaint against a county or district executive committee may appeal the case, excepting

the selection of officers or judges of contests, to the State Executive Committee for final decision; in which instance a written statement of facts shall be presented both by the appellant and by the county or district executive committee.

## ARTICLE IX.

### *Prizes.*

SECTION 1. To each member of the two debating teams that qualify for the final contest the University offers Debating Scholarships. These scholarships entitle the holders to exemption from matriculation fees while students at the University, on the same terms as holders of High School scholarships.

SECTION 2. Silver loving cups have been provided for each of the three State contests, both in public speaking and in athletics, through the generosity of the following donors: Eugene L. Harris, Esq., of El Paso, offers a State cup in Debate; Mr. Francis W. Wozencraft, of Dallas, a State cup in Senior Declamation; and the *Dallas News* a State cup in Junior Declamation. The Stelfox Company, of Austin, offers a State cup to the winning athletic team in the High School class, and the A. G. Spalding Company a State cup to the winner in the Academy class. (It is expected that a State cup will also be provided for the winner in the Junior Athletics contest.) The winning school in each of the final contests is to be custodian of the appropriate cup for one year, and in case any school wins it three years in succession, the cup goes to such school permanently.

SECTION 3. To the school whose debating team wins first place in the final contest, the American Book Company offers \$50.00 worth of books to be selected by the principal of the winning school, and to be placed in the school library; and to the school whose debating team wins second place in the final contest, Ginn and Company offers \$25.00 worth of this Company's books.

SECTION 4. To the school whose representative wins first place in Senior Declamation the Martin and Hoyt Company offers \$50.00 worth of books published by this Company; and to the school winning second place, the Macmillan Company offers \$25.00 worth of this Company's books.

SECTION 5. To the school whose representative wins first place in the Junior Declamation contest Rand, McNally & Co. offers \$50.00 worth of books, to be selected by the principal of the winning school from the Educational Catalogue of this Company; and to the school whose representative wins second place in this contest Hinds, Noble, and Eldredge offers \$25.00 worth of this Company's books.

SECTION 6. The University Athletic Council offers silk banners, appropriately lettered, to the winners of the Relay race in each of the three classes.

## ARTICLE X.

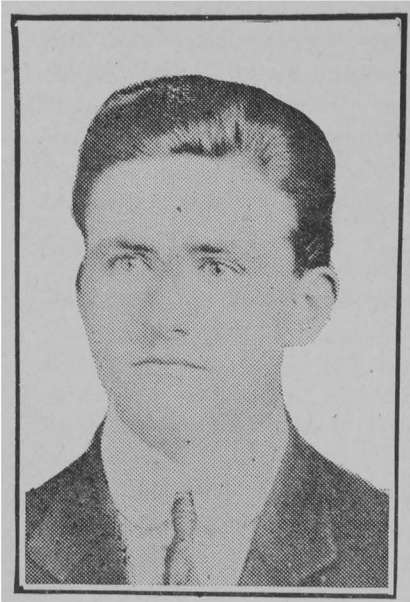
### *Annual Meeting.*

The annual meeting of the League shall be held at the Law Auditorium of the University in the morning of the first Saturday of May, at nine o'clock sharp.

## ARTICLE XI.

### *Amendments.*

This Constitution and the Rules that follow may be amended at any annual meeting by a majority of the League schools present and voting, each school being entitled to one vote; *provided*, however, that the amendment offered is approved by the State Executive Committee. In case a proposed amendment is not approved by such Committee, a two-thirds vote is required.



**Wayne Roy Howell**



**Finis Richard Senior**

**CORSICANA HIGH SCHOOL**  
**State Wiuners in Debate, 1913**



**Rex Hendrix**



**Joe Bennett Lowry**

**BONHAM HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Second Honors in Debate, 1913**



## POINTERS IN DEBATE AND DECLAMATION.

BY E. D. SHURTER, STATE CHAIRMAN.

*Please note the following:—*

1. The principal changes in the former rules, and the desirability of *County Organization*, are mentioned in the Preface to this bulletin.

2. The primary purpose of the contests in debate and declamation is, as the Constitution states, "to foster in the schools of Texas the study and practice of public speaking and debate as an aid in the preparation for citizenship." The League exists, not for a few schools that may have exceptionally fine speakers, but rather to incite *all* schools to develop in their pupils a talent for clear-cut, sincere, and effective speaking before an audience. As a means to such accomplishment the League offers its services, not alone to High School pupils, but also to pupils who will never attend a high school, let alone a college or university. Not every school may have the material for a debating team, but any school should be able to enter a speaker in one of the county declamation contests. The boys in a school will ordinarily interest themselves in these contests if the teachers are interested. The officers of the League want the membership to include *every school in Texas*. To this end, let each school organize at least one literary or debating society (Bulletin No. 292, containing a model constitution, principles of debating, and rules of parliamentary procedure is in course of preparation), and then, in co-operation with the county superintendent, let the teachers in each county, preferably during Institute week, perfect a permanent organization to take charge of the county contests. (See Constitution, Article IV, Section 4.) In this connection, and as a phase of social center work, school principals may incite local interest, especially in the rural schools, by organizing a series of public entertainments. One such entertainment, for example could be devoted to the study of some author, with recitations from his writings; another to a declamation contest; another to a debate among the pupils, or with a neighboring school; another to a debate

among the school patrons, etc., etc. Public entertainments of this character, with a program sufficiently varied and not too long, may be made interesting and profitable to both pupils and parents. The Department of Extension will be glad to correspond with principals regarding such entertainments, and to render every aid possible.

3. Directors, superintendents and principals should secure separate prizes for local, county, and district contests. Some of the counties already have organizations that offer very substantial prizes, secured by the gate receipts from the county contests. In other instances, local merchants or other public-spirited citizens will be glad to offer prizes, if the matter is properly presented to them. As to the nature of prizes to be offered, it is advisable first to provide for sufficient cash prizes for individual winners to cover their traveling expenses at the district or the final contests, as the case may be. If such expenses can be secured from admission charges, a desirable prize, involving only the first expense, is a silver loving cup to be held for a year by the winning school. A cup for such purpose can usually be secured through a local dealer at about wholesale price. The Chairman of the League will be glad to co-operate with teachers in securing such prizes for county and district contests.

4. The question for debate for 1913-14 is, "*Resolved, That at the next regular session of the Texas Legislature there should be enacted a Compulsory Education Law requiring all children between the ages of seven and fourteen, not mentally or physically incompetent, to attend either a public or private school not less than six months during each scholastic year.*" Each school paying the membership fee will be entitled to four copies of a bulletin (No. 291) containing a bibliography of this question, with selected arguments, affirmative and negative.

5. Pay the membership fee for your school early in the year, so that the pupils may have access to the bulletins above mentioned and other literature that is sent out in connection with the contests. Especially in the debating contest, pupils should begin reading on the subject early in the year, in order to avoid a forcing process later and the neglect of their regular studies. The printed matter that is prepared to aid contestants is furnished at considerable expense to the University, and the mem-

bership fee is required in advance as an earnest of good faith and continued interest. The amount received in fees is used toward reimbursing representatives for their traveling expenses to the final contests.

6. In the county and district contests the winning school should be determined, whenever practicable, by actual contest with the other schools that have survived the preliminaries. The practice sometimes followed of using the per cent. grades of different judges in other contests is never satisfactory, since each judge is apt to have his own standard of grading. Where three schools are closely grouped, the triangular system for try-out debates is recommended. That is, each school furnishes two teams, one team taking the affirmative, and the other team the negative side of the same question. The affirmative team debates at home, and the negative team away from home. All three debates are held the same evening. In determining which one of the three schools is the winner, each decision counts one point, and each judge's vote counts one point, making a possible eight points (assuming there are three judges) for any one school in two debates, the school securing the largest number of points being the winner. The triangular system has these advantages: (1) It develops an affirmative and a negative team at each school, (2) it gives each school at least one home debate, and (3) no school has the advantage over another in sides of the question, and frequent dissatisfaction over biased judgments will be very largely obviated.

7. Do not take the mere winning of contests too seriously. Remember that the contests are only means to an end. The principal who waits to enter his pupils for the contests until he can turn out a winning debating or athletic team will probably never develop a winning team; moreover, this shows a wrong attitude toward the contests, and encourages an unwholesome school spirit. Especially in the debating and declamation contests, wherein no absolute standards of judging are possible—as distinguished from the athletic contests—teachers should guard against encouraging their boys to question the decision of the judges. See that the rules of the contests are observed, and then leave the result absolutely to the judges. Squabbling over decisions is unsportsmanlike. It is fine training for a boy to learn how to lose as well as how to win.

## RULES IN DEBATE.

1. *Eligibility.* The debating team representing each school shall consist of two members, both being students in the same school. The debaters shall be *bona fide* undergraduate male students of the schools which they represent, and each shall have passing grades in at least three of his studies at the time of each contest for which he enters. No student can represent his school both in debate and in declamation.

2. *Question for Debate.* Unless by consent of both teams concerned, the question in all preliminary debates shall be the one assigned for the final contest; and all debaters shall be prepared to speak on either side of this question. [For date-limits of county and district contests, see Constitution, Art. V.]

[For date, limits of county and district contests, see Constitution, Art. V.]

3. *Choice of Sides.* In all contests sides shall be determined (except when the triangular system is used) either by mutual consent or by lot.

4. *Coaching.* In all contests the debaters shall be separated from the audience and shall receive no coaching while the debate is in progress. By "coaching" is meant *viva voce* or other prompting either by the speaker's colleague or by any other person. A debater may, however, refer to his notes or manuscript, when desired.

5. *Exclusion of interested schools.* It shall be considered dishonorable for the pupils or teachers of one school to visit the debates of another when the two schools are likely to meet on the same question. It shall be the duty of the presiding officer to enforce this rule, and in case of its wilful violation, such school shall be debarred from further contests for that year.

6. *Time and order of speeches.* At all contests the time and order of speeches shall be as follows:

## MAIN.

Affirmative, 12 minutes.

Negative, 12 minutes.

Affirmative, 12 minutes.

Negative, 12 minutes.

**REBUTTAL.**

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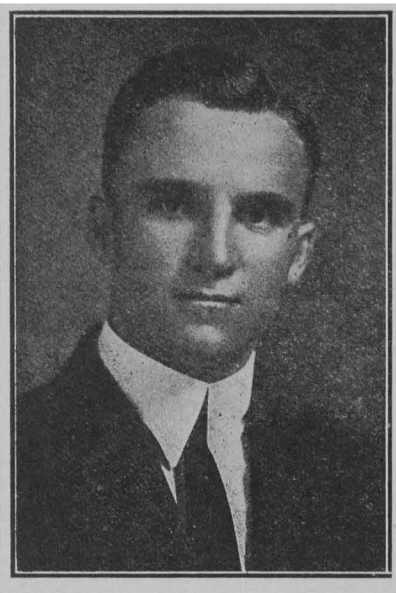
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7. *Judges.* The judges for the debating and declamation contests shall be three, five, or seven in number, selected on the basis of capability and impartiality. The judges for the county and district contests shall be chosen by the appropriate executive committee, subject to the approval of a majority of the school principals concerned. For the final contests at the University the judges shall be chosen by the State Executive Committee.

8. *Instructions to Judges.* A copy of the following instructions shall be given to each judge: "The judges, who shall sit apart during the debate, shall judge the contest *as a debate*, voting without consultation 'Affirmative' or 'Negative' on the merits of the debate, irrespective of their individual opinions as to the merits of the question. In deciding which team has done the more effective debating, the judges shall take into consideration argument and delivery in both main and rebuttal speeches. In cases of doubt, argument shall be stressed relatively more than delivery and rebuttal work more than the main speeches. At the close of the debate each judge shall indicate his choice by ballot and deliver it to the presiding officer who shall inspect the ballots in the presence of a representative of each school and announce the decision."

9. *Final Contest.* The winning teams in the district contests shall meet at the University on the first Friday in May, when preliminary debates shall be held during that day, commencing at 9 a. m., until two teams shall have been chosen for the final contest. The final contest between these two teams shall be held at the University on the first Saturday night in May.



**Homer Sharp,  
Fort Worth High School,  
Winner in Senior Declamation, 1913**



**Will Gordon Knox,  
Floresville High School,  
Winner in Junior Declamation, 1913**



**Edwin T. Randall,  
Anderson High School,  
Second Prize in Senior Declamation**



**Edwin Schwartz,  
El Paso Ward School,  
Second Prize Winner in Junior Declamation**

## RULES IN DECLAMATION.

1. *Eligibility.* There shall be two contests in declamation, a Senior and a Junior contest. [For date-limits of holding, see Constitution, Art. V.] The Senior Declamation contest is open only to undergraduate male students in or above the tenth grade. The Junior Declamation contest is open only to male undergraduate students in or below the ninth grade, including ward schools. In both of the declamation contests the following general rules obtain: (1) No student is eligible who will have passed his nineteenth birthday at the date of the final contest (2) each contestant must have passing grades in at least three of his studies at the time of each contest for which he enters, and (3) no student can represent his school both in declamation and in debate.

2. *Nature of Declamations.* Each declamation shall consist of a prose selection from some standard author or well-known speaker. [Note.—In the Wichita Falls district, the selections for the Senior declamation contest must be in the field of "Industrial Peace." First and second prizes of \$60.00 and \$40.00, respectively, are offered for this contest by the Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce.] The subject-matter of each selection shall be prevaillingly serious in tone, and delivered for the purpose of convincing or persuading the audience of certain ideas or truths; in other words, a declamation should not be chosen which is primarily adapted to the purposes of mere entertainment. Poetry (excepting such poetical quotations as may be included in prose selections), "funny" pieces, dramatic readings, and impersonations will not be allowed. Each student shall select a declamation the words of which he adopts as his own for the purpose of speaking to a present-day audience on a subject of present-day interest and importance. In case of doubt as to the interpretation of this rule, the State Executive Committee should be consulted, and the decision of such committee shall be final. No declamation in the final contest shall exceed five (5) minutes in length (about 600 words). [Note.—A five-minute selection having required unity and sequence can readily be secured by judicious cutting—supplying, it may be a connecting sentence or phrase here and there.]

3. *Programs of County and District Contests.* The order of speaking in the county and district declamation contests shall



be determined by lot. In the county contests each school shall regularly be represented by one declaimer in each contest. A County Executive Committee may, however, arrange to allow two declaimers from each school in each contest, when desired. In the district contests each county shall regularly be represented by one declaimer from each of the schools winning in the county contests; that is, each county shall be entitled to one speaker in Senior declamation and one in Junior declamation. A district Executive Committee may, however, arrange to allow the two highest ranking schools in each county, as determined by the county contests, to be represented in each of the district declamation contests [Note.—The exercise of the option allowed executive committees under this rule will depend upon the number of entries. Whenever a sufficient number of schools will probably enter the contests to make an hour's program—say, ten or more in both declamation contests together—it is usually better to hold to the regular rule of one representative from each school in the county contests, and two schools from each county—one in each contest—in the district contest. Counties may, of course, arrange for a separate girls' declamation contest, when desired.]

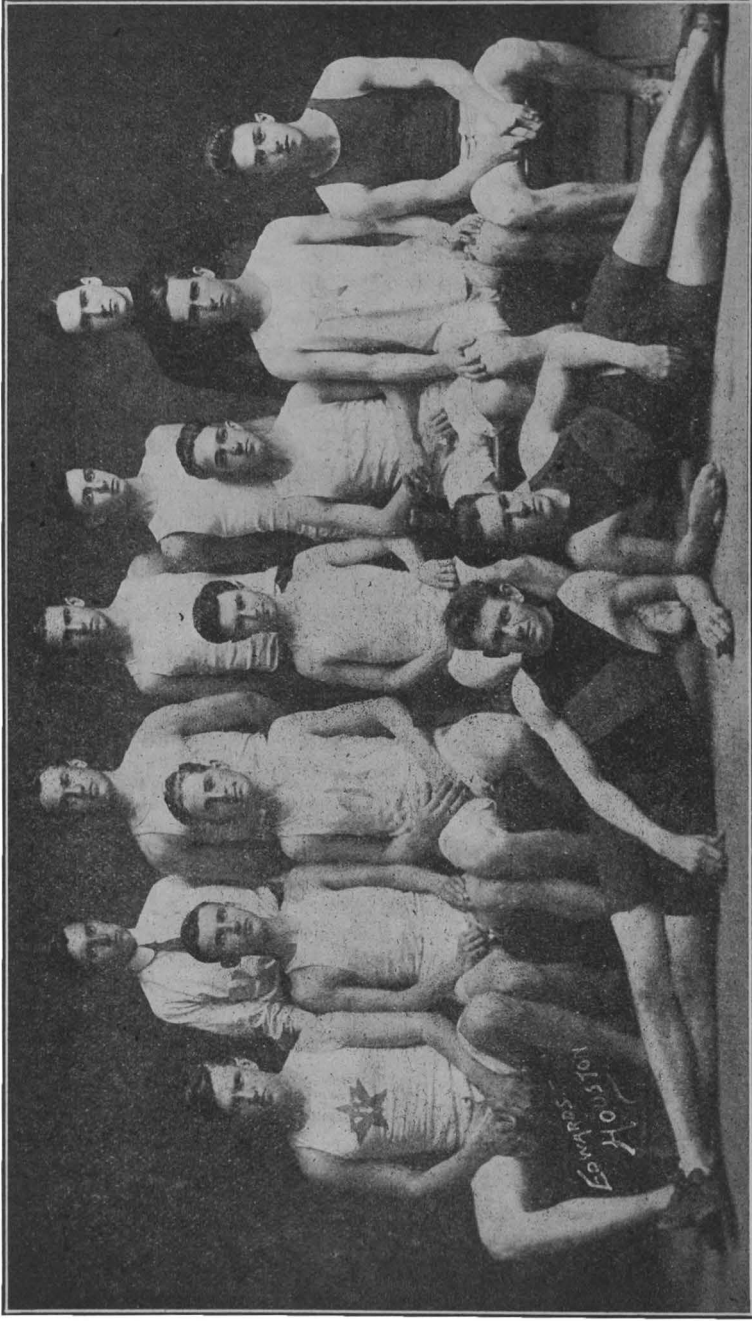
4. *Programs of Final Contests.* The final contests among the sixteen district winners in each class shall be held at the University on the first Friday in May, the Junior contest at 4 p. m. and the Senior contest at 8 p. m. The order of speaking in the final contests shall be identical with the number-order of the districts, beginning with District No. 3 (Honey Grove) in 1914, and moving up one number each successive year. Not more than two speakers having the same selection shall appear in the finals. In case more than two of the district winners have the same selection, preference shall be given in the order of the final program for that year; *provided*, however, that if the State Chairman fails to receive a report from any district within five days after the latest date for the final district contest (the second Saturday in April), the representatives from such district shall forfeit their right to preference. A speaker having a selection not permitted under this rule will be required, upon notice from the Chairman, to choose another declamation.

5. *Interruptions.* No speaker shall be interrupted in any manner while he is speaking, either by cheers or otherwise, and the presiding officer shall see that this rule is strictly enforced.

6. *Coaching.* No speaker shall be coached or prompted in any manner during the delivery of his declamation.

7. *Time-keepers.* At each contest there shall be two time-keepers, who shall notify the speaker and the presiding officer, by ringing a bell, or other signal, whenever the speaker exceeds the time-limit of five (5) minutes.

8. *Instruction to Judges.* The judges in the declamation contests, county, district, and final, shall receive the following instructions: "This is a contest in delivery only, the speeches not being original productions. The basis of judging each contestant shall be: general effectiveness as a speaker. In determining general effectiveness, the following matters shall be considered: interpretation, adaptation of the speaker's delivery to the particular selection, clearness in enunciation, emphasis, inflection, modulation, force, earnestness, naturalness, ease and grace of carriage, physical expression, including appropriateness and effectiveness in gesture, directness, and the general effect upon the audience. No attempt, however, shall be made to grade these elements of general effectiveness by percentages, but each judge shall rank each speaker according to the effort as a whole. At the close of the contest the judges, after conferring together, shall decide upon first and second choice."



Houston High School Team, state champions in track meet, High School Division, 1913

## ATHLETICS AND EDUCATION.

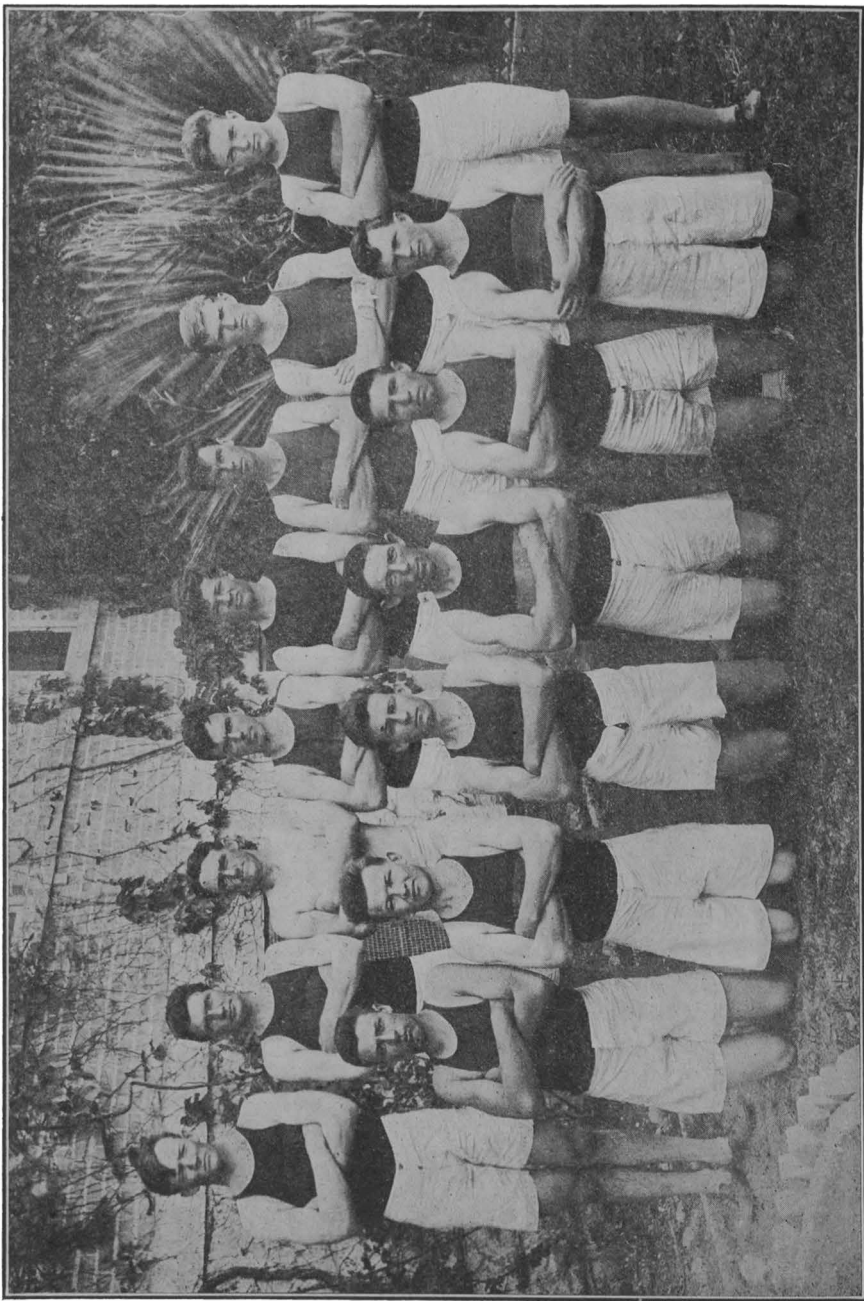
BY A. J. ROBINSON, STATE DIRECTOR OF INTERSCHOLASTIC  
ATHLETICS.

It is a well-recognized fact that vigorous mental and moral life is conditioned by a healthy and vigorous body. We cannot properly perform intense intellectual labor when we are fatigued physically, and the necessary consequence of a diseased or weak physical organism is distorted views and a flabby mind.

Probably the most fundamental justification of school athletics is the encouragement they give to healthy physical living. Athletics are a most powerful safeguard of both virtue and temperance. One of the first lessons the young athlete must learn is the lesson of restraint; restraint in eating, in drinking, restraint against anything that impairs bodily powers. The winning of a race is in itself of little physical moment; but the course of training which it required and the lessons in hygienic living inculcated to losers and winners alike, are of the greatest possible moment, not only to the individual, but to the community and the State.

Aside from the physical benefits, there are educational benefits generally. The contestants learn lessons of discipline, of subjection of individual inclinations to a certain definite end, lessons of fairness, of self-control, and of patriotism. Furthermore, since these contests are made school affairs, they have a most important social influence, holding the children and the youth of a community together, and making their school world with its life-lessons more real for them than could possibly be done by books alone.

To win honors in any line of competitive play, one must care for his body. Especially is this true of track and field events. The most successful athletes without exception testify to this vital point. In the first place, there must be care in eating and drinking. Of course, what one should eat is largely an individual matter; yet in each case attention should be paid to the nutritive values and to the digestibility of the various articles of one's diet. On the whole, whatever diet



St. Edward's College Team, state champions in track meet, Academic Division, 1913

makes a healthy, well-conditioned body will be the diet one should use when in training. Remember that it is not muscle that wins an event so much as it is temper and nerve; not so much quantity as it is quality. Of course, every form of alcohol and tobacco should be avoided. So also should most of the drinks sold at soda fountains. At least these should be indulged in very sparingly. A runner cannot do his best when his stomach has been filled at all times of the day with soda waters, ice creams, and coca-colas. Stimulants such as coffee and tea would best also be either omitted entirely or used very moderately.

Exercise must be regular, must be varied, and must not be prolonged beyond the point of fatigue. Furthermore, exercise, to have its best results, must be motivated by the play instinct. As much as possible, whatever form of exercise is taken, it should be done in the spirit of play. Thus only can the whole being be enlisted in it and the consequent full results of exercise be obtained. Exercises that are mere muscle producers will not accomplish the best results, but only those that, while they give incidental muscular development, at the same time enlist the whole person, body, mind and will, to the effect that the bodily powers are made to work in harmony with the directing mind.

Rest is as important as exercise. Many a contest has been lost because of lack of sleep. Late or irregular hours are not conducive either to good scholarship or to physical strength.

It is almost unnecessary to add, that the body should be kept clean. Otherwise not only do the muscles fail to attain the softness and flexibility essential to their best effort, but the circulation becomes clogged and the proper effects of exercise are lost.

Finally, let it be kept in mind that these elementary laws of health—the laws of temperance, of good digestion, of exercise, of rest, and of cleanliness—are not laws that may be violated forty weeks in the year and then the consequences overcome by a few weeks' training; but that the best training requires constant attention to these things at all times. It is better to avoid dissipation, to forego cigarettes and to diet one's self properly three weeks in the year than not at all; but the prizes

are won by those who have cared for their bodies properly the whole year round, only exercising a little more attention during the periods of training..

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The Public Discussion Division of the University Extension Department will render all possible assistance to schools in the organization and development of athletics. A University specialist in this field will, whenever possible, visit schools desiring special assistance. The Public Discussion Division is preparing a bulletin on athletics, containing detailed methods of training for various track and field events. A package library, containing helpful books and pamphlets will be loaned to a school, upon application. Address inquiries to Professor A. J. Robinson, Director of Interscholastic Athletics, University, Austin.



## RULES GOVERNING ATHLETIC CONTESTS.

1.—*Classes and Events.* County and district contests in athletics shall be held, unless otherwise arranged with the State Executive Committee, at the same times and places as the county and district contests in debate and declamation (Constitution, Article V). In these contests there shall be at least two divisions: one for schools of junior rank—that is, extending no higher than the ninth grade—and one for schools of senior rank, with grades above the ninth. Each ward school of a city shall count as a separate junior school. These contests shall be preliminary to the final meet at Austin for the Junior contest, but shall in no way affect the right of a senior school to participate in the final meet. Selections from the Junior contestants in the county and district contests shall be made on the basis of individual point winners and not on the basis of schools. However, the school winning the most points shall be declared the champion of the county or district, respectively. The number of contestants allowed in the county, district, and final contests shall be determined by the respective executive committee. The events, with their order, both for the Junior and the Senior contests in the district and county, shall be those for the final meet as given in Rule 3. County and district directors may, however, add other events, when desired. The final championship meet in track and field events shall be held on Clark Field, Austin, Texas, on the first Friday and Saturday in May in each year. The preliminaries in the Academy and High School divisions shall be held on Friday afternoon. The finals for the Junior contest shall be in the morning, and those for the Senior contests shall be held in the afternoon of Saturday.

2.—*Eligibility.* (a) No school not a member of this Association (Constitution, Article III) shall be represented in any meet under its direction.

(b) No school shall be represented in any meet by any person who has ever competed for money or who has ever pursued athletic exercises for money or any valuable consideration, or who has ever taught or assisted in teaching athletic exercises for money or other valuable consideration.

(c) No person in the High School and Academy divisions shall be permitted to participate in the final meet unless he shall have been a pupil of the school he represents for at least three months immediately prior to this contest and shall have a passing grade in at least three of his studies.

(d) No person shall be permitted to participate in a county or district contest unless he shall have been a *bona fide* pupil of the school which he represents for at least two weeks immediately prior to the contest, and shall have a passing grade in at least three of his studies.

(e) No person shall be allowed to participate as a representative of a high school, if he shall have passed his twenty-first birthday on the day of the meet, nor as a representative of an academy if he shall have passed his twenty-second birthday on the day of the meet.

3. *The Final Meet: Regulations and Events.* (a) The final meet shall be under immediate charge of the State Director of Interscholastic Athletics. Preliminary contests, when necessary, shall be held on the Friday preceding the finals on Saturday.

(b) The meet shall be held in three divisions: one for the public high schools, one for the Junior division of the public schools, and one for the academies.

(c) No school shall enter more than four nor start more than three men in any event. The order of events for the high school and the academy divisions shall be as follows (H indicates high schools; A, academies):

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| 1. 50-yd. dash (H)         | 12. 220-yd. hurdles (A)     |
| 2. 120-yd. low hurdles (A) | 13. 220-yd. dash (H)        |
| 3. 120-yd. low hurdles (H) | 14. 220-yd. dash (A)        |
| 4. Pole vault (A)          | 15. 12-lb. hammer throw (H) |
| 5. Running broad jump (H)  | 16. 12-lb. shot put (A)     |
| 6. 100-yd. dash (A)        | 17. Pole vault (H)          |
| 7. 100-yd. dash (H)        | 18. 440-yd. run (A)         |
| 8. Discus throw (A)        | 19. 440-yd. run (H)         |
| 9. Running high jump (H)   | 20. Running high jump (A)   |
| 10. One mile run (A)       | 21. 12-lb. shot put (H)     |
| 11. One mile run (H)       | 22. 12-lb. hammer throw (A) |

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| 23. 880-yd. run (H)  | 26. Running broad jump (A)  |
| 24. 880-yd. run (A)  | 27. One-mile relay race (H) |
| 25. Discus throw (H) | 28. One-mile relay race (A) |

There shall also be held a tournament in tennis doubles, each district being allowed one team. (The courts at the University are dirt courts.)

(d) The order for Junior events shall be as follows:

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| 1. 50-yd. dash        | 8. Standing hop, step, and jump |
| 2. Pole vault         |                                 |
| 3. 100-yd. dash       | 9. 440-yd. run                  |
| 4. Running broad jump | 10. Baseball throw              |
| 6. Chinning the bar   | 11. Tug of war                  |
| 6. 220-yd. run        | 12. Half-mile relay race        |
| 7. Running high jump  |                                 |

No change shall be made in this order of events within one month from the date of the meet. First, second, and third places shall count five, three, and one point, respectively, except in the mile and half-mile relay races, in which they shall count ten, five, and two points, respectively.

(e) At least two weeks before the final meet, each school shall send to the Director a list of the men from whom its team shall be chosen. This list shall be preceded by a certificate in the following form, signed by the principal or superintendent of the school:

"I hereby certify that the following men. ....in number, are eligible to compete in the Championship Athletic Meet of The University Interscholastic League, under the rules governing the same."

A copy of this list shall be sent by the Director to any other school in the same division demanding it.

(f) At least one week before the date of the meet, each school shall forward to the Director by registered mail, a list showing the names of all men entered by the said school, and every event in which each man is entered. From these lists the official program shall be made out.

(g) A fee of twenty-five (25) cents for each man entered in each event must accompany the list of entries, and no man for

whom the fee is not paid shall be allowed to compete in that event. This rule, however, shall not prevent the substitution of one man for another, provided the substitute be otherwise eligible.

(h) It shall be the duty of the Director to provide proper officials for the meet; but no paid coach of any team shall officiate if objected to by the authorities of any school in the same division.

4.—*Championship.* That school shall be champion of its division which shall score the highest number of points at the county, district, or final meet, as the case may be.

5.—*Points.* Points shall be counted as follows: The first place in each event shall count five (5) points, the second place in each event shall count three (3) points, and the third place in each event shall count one (1) point, except that in the mile and the half-mile relay race, first, second, and third places shall count ten (10), five (5), and two (2) points, respectively. In case of a tie in any event, the points shall be divided. In the case of two or more schools scoring an equal number of points, then if one of these schools shall have been Champion for the previous year, that school shall continue to hold the Championship for the ensuing year. But in case the Champion of the previous year be not of those schools above described and that two or more schools shall score an equal number of points, then for the ensuing year the Championship shall be held in abeyance.

6.—*Officials for Meets.* All championship meets—county, district, and State—shall be under direction of: The Director of Athletics; one Referee; two or more Inspectors; three or more Field Judges; three or more Timekeepers; three Judges at the Finish; one Starter; one Clerk of the Course; one Scorer; one Marshal; one Announcer. If deemed necessary, assistants may be provided for the Director, the Clerk of the Course, the Scorer, the Marshal, and the Announcer.

7.—*The Director.* The Director, who shall be the officially appointed Director of Athletics for the county, district, or State, as the case may be, shall have immediate charge of arrangements for the meet,—securing entries, preparing the program, appointing the officials, etc.

8.—*The Referee.* The Referee shall decide all questions relating to the actual conduct of the meet, when final settlement is not otherwise covered by these rules. He shall have the power to add to or alter the announced arrangements of heats in any event. A referee has no authority after heats have been duly drawn and published in a program, to transfer a contestant from one heat to another.

When in any but the final heat of a race, a claim of foul or interference is made, he shall have the power to disqualify the competitor who was at fault, if he considers the foul intentional or due to culpable carelessness, and he shall also have the power to order a new race between such of the competitors as he thinks entitled to such a privilege.

If, during any athletic contest under the rules of this League, a competitor shall conduct himself in a manner unbecoming a gentleman, or offensive to the officials, spectators, or competitors, the Referee shall have the power to disqualify him from further competition at the meeting; and if he thinks the offense worthy of additional punishment, he shall make a detailed statement of the facts to the State Executive Committee.

9.—*The Inspectors.* It shall be the duty of an Inspector to stand at such points as the Referee may designate; to watch the competition closely, and in case of a claim of foul to report to the Referee what he saw of the incident. Such Inspectors are merely assistants to the Referee, to whom they shall report, and have no power to make a decision.

10.—*The Judges at the Finish.* The Judges at the Finish shall determine the order of finishing of contestants, and shall arrange among themselves as to noting the winner, second, third, fourth, etc., as the case may require. Their decision in this respect shall be without appeal, and in case of disagreement a majority shall govern.

11.—*The Field Judges.* The Field Judges shall make an accurate measurement, and keep tally of all competitors in the high and broad jumps, the pole vault, and the weight competitions. They shall act as judges of these events, and their decisions, as to facts, shall likewise be without appeal. In case of disagreement a majority shall govern.

12.—*The Timekeepers.* The Timekeepers shall be at least three in number. They shall individually time all events where the time record is required, and determine among themselves and announce the official time of each heat or race. Should two of the three watches mark the same time and the third disagree, the time marked by the two watches shall be accepted. Should all three disagree, the time marked by the intermediate watch shall be accepted. The flash of the pistol shall denote the actual time of starting.

13.—*The Starter.* The Starter shall have sole jurisdiction over the competitors after the Clerk of the Course has properly placed them in their positions for the start.

The method of starting shall be pistol report, except that in time handicap races the word "go" shall be used. An actual start shall not be effected until the pistol has been purposely discharged after the competitors have been warned to get ready. When any part of the person of a competitor shall touch the ground in front of his mark before the starting signal is given, it shall be considered a false start.

Penalties for false starting shall be inflicted by the Starter as follows: In all races up to and including 125 yards the competitor shall be put back one yard for the first and another yard for the second attempt; in races over 125 yards and including 300 yards, two yards for the first and two more for the second attempt; in races over 300 yards and including 600 yards, three yards for the first and three more for the second attempt; in races over 600 yards and including 1,000 yards, four yards for the first and four more for the second attempt; in races over 1,000 yards and including one mile, five yards for the first and five more for the second attempt; in all races over one mile, ten yards for the first and ten more for the second attempt. In all cases the third false start shall disqualify the offender from that event.

The Starter shall warn the competitors of the above penalties before ordering the start. The Starter shall also rule out of that event any competitor who attempts to advance himself from his mark, as prescribed in the official program, after the Starter has given the warning to "get ready."

14.—*The Clerk of the Course.* The Clerk of the Course shall be provided with the names and the numbers of all entered competitors, and he shall place each competitor behind his proper mark; shall immediately notify the Starter should any attempt to advance himself after the Starter has warned them to "get ready"; and in time allowance handicaps shall furnish the Starter with the number and time allowance of each actual competitor. He shall control his assistants, and assign them to such duties as he may deem proper.

15.—*The Scorer.* The Scorer shall record the order in which each competitor finishes his event, together with the time furnished by the Timekeepers. He shall keep a tally of the laps made by each competitor in races covering more than one lap, and shall announce by means of a pistol shot when the leading man enters the last lap. He shall control his assistants, and shall assign them to such duties as he may deem proper.

16.—*The Marshal.* The Marshal shall have full police charge of the inclosure, and shall prevent any but officials and actual competitors from entering or remaining therein. He shall control his assistants, and shall assign them to such duties as he may deem proper.

17.—*The Official Announcer.* He shall receive from the Scorer and Field Judges the result of each event, and announce the same by voice, or by means of a bulletin board.

18.—*Clear Field.* No one but the officials and the competitors in the event taking place shall be allowed within the center field or inner circle, or on the track immediately prior to or during competitions at championship meetings.

19.—*Competitors.* Competitors shall report to the Clerk of the Course immediately upon their arrival at the place of meeting, and shall be provided by that official with their proper numbers, which must be worn conspicuously by the competitors when competing, and without which they shall not be allowed to start. Each competitor shall inform himself of the time of starting, and shall be promptly at the starting point of each competition in which he entered, and there report to the Clerk of the Course. Under no condition shall any attendants be allowed to accompany competitors at the start or during any



competition, except in match races, where special agreement may be made.

20. *Protests.* Protests against any entered competitor may be made verbally or in writing to the Director before the meeting, or to the Referee during the meeting. If possible, the Director or Referee shall decide such protests at once. If the nature of the protest or the necessity of obtaining testimony prevents an immediate decision, the competitor shall be allowed to compete under protest, and the protest shall be decided by the Director within one week, unless its subject be the amateur standing of the competitor, in which case the Director must report on such protest within forty-eight hours to the protested and protesting members.

21. *Track Measurement.* All distances run shall be measured upon a line eighteen inches outward from the inned edge of the track, except that in races on straightaway tracks the distance shall be measured in a direct line from the starting mark to the finishing line.

22. *The Course.* Each competitor shall keep in his respective position from start to finish in all races on straightaway tracks, and in all races with one or more turns he shall not cross to the inner edge of the track, except when he is at least six feet in advance of his nearest competitor. After turning the last corner into the straight in any race, each competitor must keep a straight course to the finish line, and not cross either to the outside or the inside, in front of any of his opponents.

In all championship races of this League, at any distance under and including 300 yards, each competitor shall have a separate course, properly marked, roped, or staked, and measured, whether the race be run on a straight path or around one or more curves. The Referee shall disqualify from that event any competitor who wilfully pushes against, impedes, crosses the course of, or in any way interferes with another competitor. The Referee shall disqualify from further participation in the games any contestants attempting in any way to impede the chances of another competitor either in a trial or a final contest.

23. *The Finish.* The finish of the course shall be represented by a line between two finishing posts, drawn across and at right angles to the sides of the track, and four feet above which line shall be placed a tape attached at either end to the finishing posts. A finish shall be counted when any part of the winner's body, except his hands or arms, shall have reached the finish line. The order of finishing for second or third places, and so on, shall be decided in the same manner.

24. *Hurdles.* In the 120-yards hurdle race, ten hurdles shall be used, each hurdle to be two feet six inches high. They shall be placed ten yards apart, with the first hurdle fifteen yards distant from the starting point, and the last hurdle fifteen yards before the finishing line. In the 220-yards hurdle race, ten hurdles shall be used, each hurdle to be two feet six inches high. They shall be placed twenty yards apart, with the first hurdle twenty yards distant from the starting mark, and the last hurdle twenty yards before the finishing line. In making a record it shall be necessary for the competitor to jump over every hurdle in its proper position. In all championship hurdle races of this League, up to and including 300 yards, each competitor shall have separate hurdles and a separate course marked out and measured independently, whether races are run straightaway or with turns.

25. *Ties.* In all contests whose results are determined by measurement of height or distance, ties shall be decided as follows. In case of a tie in a contest at high jumping, the tying competitors shall have three additional trials at the height last tried, and if still undecided, the bar shall be lowered to the height next below, and the three trials taken at that height. If no one clears it, the bar shall be lowered again and again until one of the competitors clears it. In case of a second tie, the award shall be given to the competitor who cleared the bar with the least number of trials. In case of a tie in the pole vault, the officials shall raise or lower the bar at their discretion, and those competitors who have tied shall be allowed one trial at each height. In case of a tie in a contest at any game decided by distance, each of the tying competitors shall have three additional trials and the award shall be made in accordance with the distances cleared in these additional trials. In case of a second tie three

more trials shall be allowed, and so on, until a decision is reached. In case of a dead heat in any track events, the competitors shall be allowed to divide the prize on points, or to toss for them. In all events the competitors shall take their trials in the order of their names as printed in the program.

26. *Jumping.* A fair jump shall be one that is made without the assistance of weights, diving, somersaults, or hand-springs of any kind.

27. *The Running High Jump.* The Field Judges shall decide the heights at which the jump shall commence, and shall regulate the succeeding elevations. Each competitor shall be allowed three trial jumps at each height, and if on the third trial he shall fail, he shall be declared out of the competition. At each successive height each competitor shall take one trial in his proper turn; then those failing, if any, shall have their second trial jump in like order, after which those having failed twice shall make their trial jump.

The jump shall be made over a bar resting on pins projecting not more than three inches from the uprights, and when this bar is removed from its place it shall be counted as a trial jump. Running under the bar in making an attempt shall be counted as a "balk", and three successive "balks" shall be counted as a trial jump. The distance of the run before the jump shall be unlimited. A competitor may omit his trials at any height, but if he fails at the next height he shall not be allowed to go back and try the height he omitted.

28.—*The Running Broad Jump.* When jumped on earth, a joist eight inches wide shall be sunk flush with it. The outer edge of this joist shall be called the scratch line, and the measurement of all jumps shall be made from it at right angles to the nearest break in the ground made by any part of the person of the competitor. The distance of the run before the scratch line shall be unlimited. A foul jump shall be one where the competitor in jumping off the scratch line makes a mark on the ground immediately in front of it, or runs over the line without jumping, and shall count as a trial jump without result. Each competitor shall have three trial jumps, and the best three shall each have three more trial jumps. The competition

shall be decided by the best of all the trial jumps of the competitors.

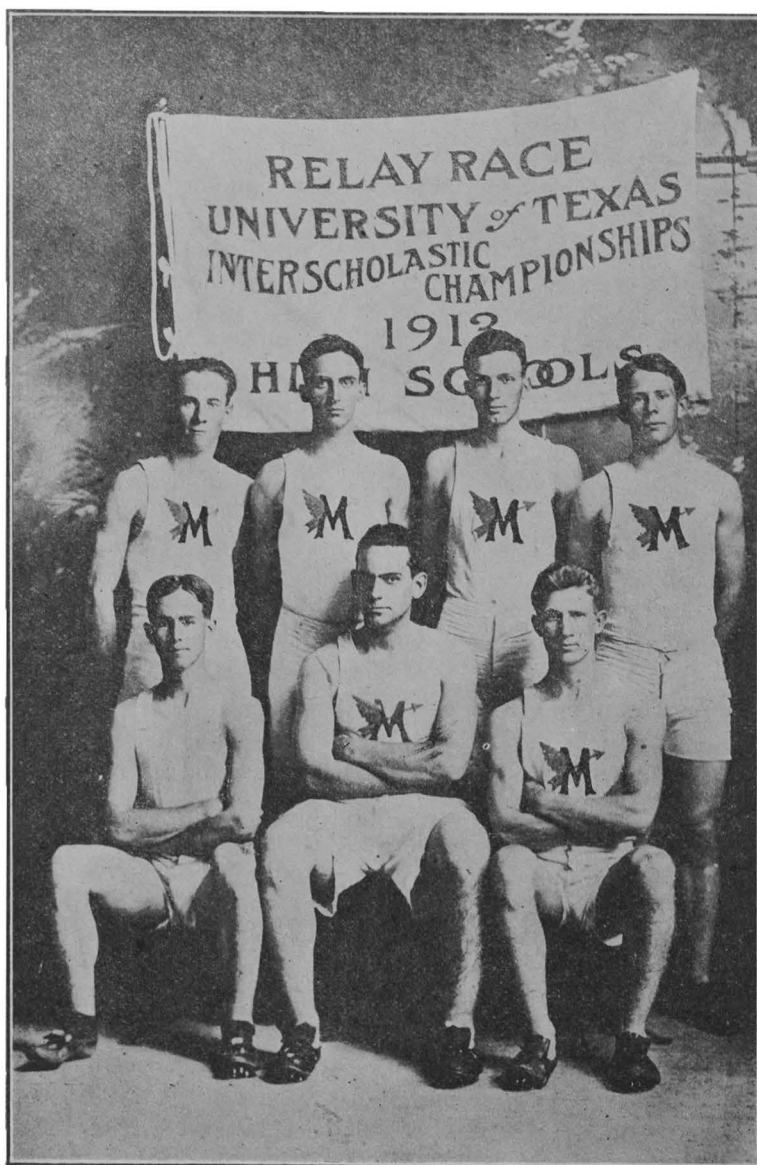
29.—*The Hop, Step, and Jump.* This shall be from standing position, from a joist eight inches wide sunk flush with the earth. The measurement of all jumps shall be made from this joist at right angles, to the nearest break in the ground made by any part of the person of the competitor, after having first hopped, then stepped, then jumped. A foul shall be where the competitor in hopping, stepping, or jumping, makes a mark on the ground immediately in front of either the scratch line or the spot where he first touched the ground after hopping or stepping. Each foul shall count as a trial without result. Each competitor shall have three trials. The competition shall be decided by the best of all the trials of the competitors.

30.—*The Pole Vault.* The height of the bar at starting and at each successive elevation shall be determined by the officials.

Three trials shall be allowed at each height. Each competitor shall make an attempt in the order in which his name appears on the program, then those who have failed shall have a second trial in regular order, and those failing on this trial shall take their final trial. Displacing the bar counts a try. Leaving the ground in an attempt shall count as a try. A competitor may omit his trials at any height, but if he fail at the next height he shall not be allowed to go back and try the height he omitted.

The poles shall have no assisting devices, except that they may be wound or wrapped with any substance for the purpose of affording a firmer grasp, and may have one spike at the lower end. No competitor shall, during his vault, raise the hand which was undermost when he left the ground to a higher point on the pole, nor shall he raise the hand which was undermost when he left the ground to any point above the other hand.

Poles shall be furnished by the Director, but contestants may use their private poles if they so desire, and no contestant shall be allowed to use any of these private poles except by the consent of their owners. The poles shall be unlimited as to size and weight. Any competitor shall be allowed to dig a hole not more than one foot in diameter at the take off in which to plant his pole.



Marlin High School Team, second in track meet, High School Division, 1913

In case of a tie the officials shall raise or lower the bar at their discretion, and those competitors who have tied shall be allowed one trial at each height. In handicaps where a tie occurs, the scratch man, or man with the smallest allowance, shall be given the place.

31.—*The Shot.* The shot shall be a metal sphere with a covering of any material, and the combined weight for championship contests shall be twelve (12) pounds.

The shot shall be "put" with one hand, and in making the attempt it shall be above and not behind the shoulder. All puts shall be made from a circle seven feet in diameter. The circle shall be a metal or wooden ring, painted or white-washed, and sunk almost flush with the ground, and it shall be divided into two halves by a line drawn through the center. In the middle of the circumference of the front half shall be placed a stop-board four feet long, four inches high, and firmly fastened to the ground. In making his puts, the feet of the competitor may rest against, but not on top of this board. A board similar to the one in front may be used at the back of the circle. A fair put shall be one in which no part of the person of the competitor touches the top of the stop-board, the circle, or the ground outside of the circle, and the competitor leaves the circle by its rear half, which shall be the half directly opposite the stop-board. A put shall be foul if any part of the person of the competitor touch the ground outside the front half of the circle before the put is measured. The measurement of each put shall be from the nearest mark made by the fall of the shot to the circumference of the circle on a line from the mark made by the shot to the center of the circle. Foul puts and letting go the shot in making an attempt shall be counted as trial puts without result.

The order of competing and number of trials shall be the same as for the running broad jump. Shots shall be furnished by the Director. Any contestant may use his private shot, if correct in weight and shape; in which case the other contestants must be allowed to use it if they wish.

32.—*Throwing the Hammer.* The head and handle may be of any size, shape, and material, provided that the length of

the complete implement shall not be more than four feet and its weight not less than twelve pounds.

The competitor may use any position he chooses, and use either one or both hands. All throws shall be from a circle similar to that of the shot put, and the rules governing a fair throw shall be the same.

Hammers shall be furnished by the Director. Any contestant may use his private hammer, if correct in weight and length; in which case the other contestants must be allowed to use it if they wish.

33.—*Throwing the Discus.* The discus shall be of smooth, hard substance without finger holes, weighted in center with lead discs, with steel ring on the outside. The weight of the discus shall be four and one-half ( $4\frac{1}{2}$ ) pounds; outside diameter, eight (8) inches; thickness in center, two (2) inches.

The circle for throwing the discus shall be similar in all respects to that of throwing the 12-pound hammer. In making his throws, the competitor may assume any position he pleases, and the rules governing a "fair throw" and measurement shall be the same as for the hammer.

A discus shall be furnished by the Director. Any competitor may use his private discus, if correct in weight and shape, in which case the other contestants shall be allowed to use it if they wish.

The measurement of each throw shall be made from the nearest mark made by the fall of the discus to the inside circumference of the circle on a line from the mark made by the discus to the center of the circle.

34.—*One-Mile Relay Race.* This race shall be run by teams of four men each. Each man shall run 440 yards. Each man of a team shall run until he touches the next member of his team standing in position on his mark or until he crosses the finishing line. The first men shall be started by a pistol shot and each succeeding man shall start from a stand on his mark, but only when touched by the member of his team immediately preceding him. In all other respects the rules governing the 440-yards dash shall also govern the mile relay race.

35.—*The Half-Mile Relay Race.* Rule No. 34, governing the mile relay race, shall also govern the half-mile relay race, ex-

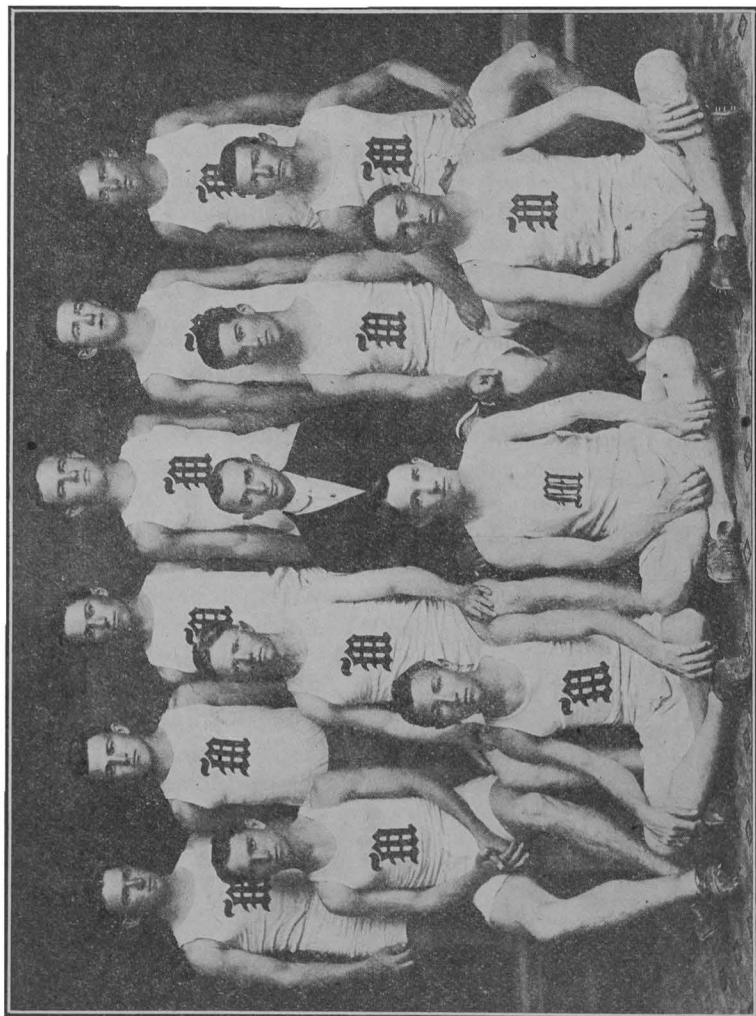
cept that the words half-mile and 220 yards shall be substituted for mile and 440 yards, respectively.

36.—*The Baseball Throw.* The baseball shall be one officially adopted for use in the American or National League, or in the Texas League. The throwing of the baseball shall be governed by the rule for throwing the discus, including circle, "fair throw," number of trials, and measurement. A baseball shall be furnished by the Director; but any competitor may use his private baseball if correct in weight, size, material, etc., in which case the other competitors must be allowed to use it if they wish.

37.—*Chinning the Bar.* Each competitor shall be allowed three trials. The competitor must raise his body, without a kick, snap, jerk, or swing, to such a height as to bring his chin above the bar. He shall let down completely each time he chins the bar.

38.—*Tug of War.* There may be five contestants on a side. A rope twenty-five feet long shall have some device at its middle part to indicate same clearly to the judges. Otherwise, there shall be no knots or other obstructions in the rope. Contestants must not wrap any part of the rope about any part of their bodies, arms or legs, and they must not pull each other, but must pull the rope. The ground must be smooth and free from holes, braces, or other obstructions. The start shall be made with the middle of the rope over a mark equidistant from two lines or goals thirty feet apart, and the tug shall be begun only after the proper signal has been given by the Starter. The team over whose goal the center of the rope is first pulled, shall be the winner.





Marshall Training School Team, second place in track meet, Academic Division, 1913

## NOTES OF THE 1913 MEET.

The annual final meet at the University, May 2-3, 1913, was a record-breaker, both in point of attendance and in excellence of performance. There was a total of 308 contestants in all events—debate, declamation, and athletics—and together with teachers and parents of the contestants, there was a total attendance of over four hundred. The debate preliminaries on Friday morning showed several very strong teams crowding for the final, and it became evident that the semi-finals would be strongly contested. Howell and Senor, of Corsicana, and Hendrix and Lowry, of Bonham, were awarded final honors, but they found strong competitors in Williams and Murphy, of San Angelo, in Moore and Evans, of Fort Worth, Gillett and Schumacher, of El Paso, Baggett and Cofer, of Austin, Baker and Cook, of Crockett, and Gidley and Leath, of the Marshall Training School.

In Senior declamation, Sharp, of Fort Worth, and Randall, of Anderson, were awarded first and second honors, respectively. While the contest was highly creditable to all contestants, special mention should perhaps be made of Davis of Childress, Mitchell of Gainesville, Sneed of McKinney, Williams of Texarkana, and Smith of Mart. In Junior declamation, Knox, of Floresville, and Schwartz, of El Paso, carried off first and second prizes, respectively, while Henry of Orangeville, Storey of Center Point, Hackett of Mooresville, Brooks of Montalba, and Butler of San Marcos, attracted special attention.

As to the athletic contests, following is an extract from a statement prepared by Dr. C. W. Ramsdell:—

“The meet was full of surprises, which means that strength and ability were shown in unexpected quarters. Houston gradually forged ahead of Marlin, with Brownwood a strong third. In the Academy division Marshall Training, so long the champion, was having trouble with St. Edward’s and came down to the relay with only two points ahead. St. Edward’s had the better relay team and won. The final score was: (High Schools) Houston 26, Marlin 24 1-3, Brownwood 17, Comanche 13, Cameron 11, San Antonio 10, Roby 8, Dallas 8, Temple 5, Spur 4, Orange 3 1-3,

Nacogdoches 2, Texarkana 1, Roscoe 1-3; (Academies) St. Edward's 44, Marshall 41, Allen 25 1-2, Britton 12, Coronal 6, aSn Marcos Acodemy 5 1-2. Eighteen high schools and three academies failed to score in the finals. Nevertheless, it was abundantly evident that athletics in the secondary schools of Texas is far ahead of one or two years ago and is developing with great rapidity. The low score of the winning high school team shows how close in reality was the contest.

“Three records were broken by the academies. Prudhomme (St. Edward's) lowered the 220 low hurdles from 28 4-5 to 28 3-5. Coan (Britton's) reduced the mile from 5:20 seconds to 5:3, and the St. Edward's relay team made a new record of 3:46 3-5 seconds. The former record had been 3:52. This lowers the all State interscholastic record by 2 seconds. The high schools set seven new records for this meet. Prentice, of Brownwood, lowered the mile record from 5:14 to 5:00 4-5 seconds; Parker, of Roby, established a new record of 20 feet 8 inches in the broad jump; Niday and Houck, of Houston, set a new all Texas record in the pole vault, tying at 10 efet 4 inches; Simmons, Houston, raised the high jump record to 5 feet 4 1-2 inches, a half inch above the old record; Harris, of Dallas, increased the shot-put from 40 feet 11 inches to 41 feet 4 inches; and Green, of San Antonio, added 5 feet to the hammer record, throwing it 127 feet. The Marlin relay team clipped one second off the record held by the Temple team, reducing it to 3 minutes 49 seconds.

“The big contest, by far the largest ever held in Texas, went off without a hitch and was finished in good time. The attendance was large and the spectators were enthusiastic. Everything went to show that this meet is rapidly becoming one of the biggest athletic events of the year in Texas.”

**INTERSCHOLASTIC RECORDS.**  
**UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS INTERSCHOLASTIC CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1913.**  
**High Schools.**

Event	Winner	Second Place	Third Place	Records
50-yard dash	Betts, Marlin	McCarter, Temple	Epperson, Cameron	5½ seconds
100-yard dash	Betts, Marlin	Quinn, Houston	McCarter, Temple	11 seconds
120-yard hurdles	Sens, Cameron	Stevens, Comanche	Harrell, Brownwood	16½ seconds
220-yard dash	Stevens, Comanche	Lee, Spur	Quinn, Houston	24½ seconds
440-yard dash	Epperson, Cameron	Stevens, Comanche	Cunningham, Comanche	55½ seconds
Broad jump	Parker, Roby	Harris, Dallas	Robertson, Marlin	20 feet, 8 inches
High jump	Simmons, Houston	Cottle, Orange	(Howard, Roscoe Watson, Orange Robertson, Marlin)	5 feet, 4½ inches
Mile run	Prentice, Brownwood	Carr, Marlin	Fields, Spur	5 minutes, ¾ seconds
880-yard run	Prentice, Brownwood	Harris, Roby	Davis, Nacogdoches	2 minutes, 14½ seconds
Shot put	Harris, Dallas	Settegast, Houston	Odell, Brownwood	41 feet, 4 inches
Discus throw	Kelso, San Antonio	Settegast, Houston	Giles, Temple	94 feet
Pole vault	(Niday, Houston Houck, Houston)	-----	Williams, Texarkana	10 feet, 4 inches
Hammer throw	Green, San Antonio	Dittman, Houston	Hudson, Comanche	127 feet
Mile relay race	Marlin	Brownwood	Nacogdoches	3 minutes, 49 seconds

**Academies.**

Event	Winner	Second Place	Third Place	Records
100-yard dash	McNelly, St. Edwards	Shinn, Coronal	Ellis, Coronal	10½ seconds
220-yard dash	McNelly, St. Edwards	Sutherland, Marshall	Shinn, Coronal	24½ seconds
120-yard hurdles	Prudhomme, St. Edwards	R. Starnes, Marshall	Sutherland, Marshall	15 seconds
220-yard hurdles	Prudhomme, St. Edwards	Sutherland, Marshall	R. Starnes, Marshall	28½ seconds
440-yard dash	Trant, Allen	Ridder, St. Edwards	Devinney, Coronal	55½ seconds
880-yard run	Goode, Britton	Buchanan, St. Edwards	McGlinckey, St. Edwards	2 minutes, 18½ seconds
Mile run	Coan, Britton	Friedricks, Marshall	Buchanan, St. Edwards	5 minutes, 3 seconds
Broad jump	Prudhomme, St. Edwards	Neeld, Allen	McLean, Marshall	20 feet, 3½ inches
High jump	Neeld, Allen	(Prudhomme, St. Edwards Walker, San Marcos Acad.)	-----	5 feet, 1½ inches
Discus throw	Waits, Marshall	Pegues, San Marcos Acad.	Churchill, Allen	100 feet, 9½ inches
Shot put	Churchill, Allen	Waits, Marshall	R. Starnes, Marshall	41 feet, 4 inches
Pole vault	Churchill, Allen	Schleicher, Marshall	(Neeld, Allen Wells, San Marcos Acad.)	9 feet, 10½ inches
Hammer throw	Waits, Marshall	Butler, Marshall	J. Starnes, Marshall	135 feet
Mile relay race	St. Edwards	Marshall	Britton	3 minutes, 46½ seconds

**ALL-TEXAS INTERSCHOLASTIC RECORDS.**  
(For all meets held in Texas.)

Event	Holder	Year	Record
50-yard dash	Goin (Marshall)-----	1910	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec.
100-yard dash	Goin (Marshall)-----	1910	10 sec.
120-yard low hurdles	Littlefield (Marshall)-----	1912	14 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec.
220-yard low hurdles	Tucker (Ft. Worth)-----	1912	26 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec.
220-yard dash	Maxson (Beaumont)-----	1912	22 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec.
440-yard run	Goin (Marshall)-----	1911	52 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec.
880-yard run	Boedeker (Bowie)-----	1911	2 min., 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec.
1 mile run	Prentice (Brownwood)-----	1913	5 min., $\frac{1}{4}$ sec.
High jump	Nettles (Marlin)-----	1912	5 min., 9 sec.
Broad jump	Sharp (Ft. Worth)-----	1912	5 feet, 9 in.
Pole vault	Niday (Houston)-----		4 feet, 8 in.
Shot put	Houck (Houston)-----	1913	10 feet, 4 in.
Hammer throw	Jacks (Marshall)-----	1911	16 feet, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.
Discus throw	Pigg (Peacock College)-----	1910	173 feet, 6 in.
1 mile relay	Pigg (Peacock College)-----	1910	111 feet
	St. Edwards-----	1913	3 min., 46 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec.

**STATE RECORDS IN DEBATE AND DECLAMATION.**

Year	Debate	Senior Declamation	Junior Declamation
1911	First place: Edward Freeman and Frank Lyons of the El Paso High School. Second: Theo-Willis and Frank Young of the Honey Grove High School.		
1912	First place: Willis McGregor and Arthur Lee Moore of the Ft. Worth High School. Second: Floyd Betts and Cecil Glass of the Marlin High School.	First place: Jesse W. George of the Belton High School. Second: Willis McGregor of the Ft. Worth High School.	
1913	First place: Wayne Roy Howell and Finis Richard Senior, of the Corsicana High School. Second: Rex Hendrix and Joe Bennett Lowry of the Bonham High School.	First place: Homer Sharp of the Ft. Worth High School. Second: Edwin T. Randall of the Anderson High School.	First place: Will Gordon Knox of the Floresville High School. Second: Edwin Schwartz of the El Paso Schools.

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